



Darlington Middle School

150 Pinedale Drive
Darlington, SC 29532

Grades	6-8 Middle School	
Enrollment	1,037 Students	
Principal	Eddie L. Shuler, Interim	843-398-5088
Superintendent	Dr. Eddie Ingram	843-398-5100
Board Chair	Warren Jeffords	843-326-5970

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2014

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student SC PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

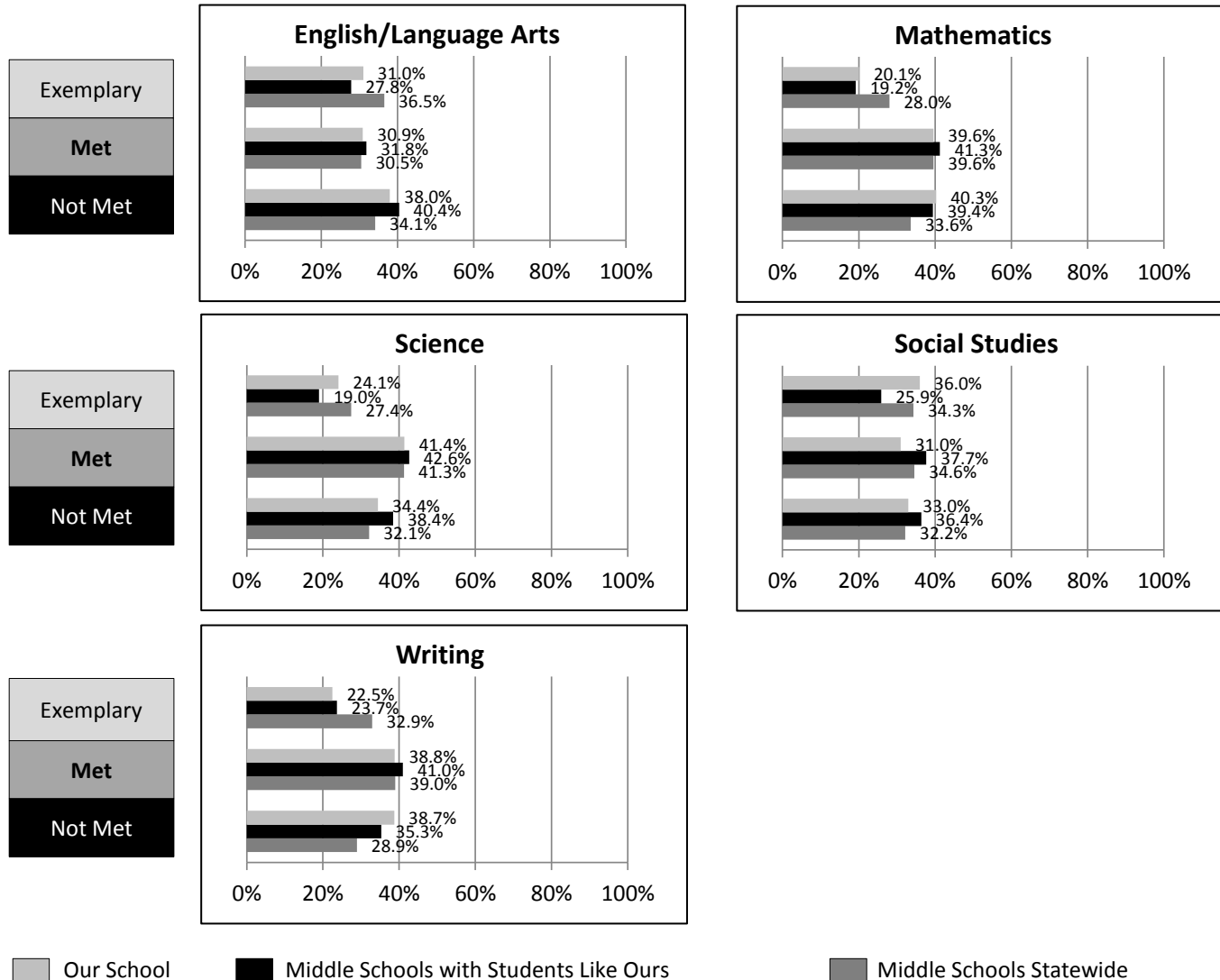
Percent of students tested in 2013-14 whose 2012-13 test scores were located 97.3%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
0	1	48	10	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015.

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SC PASS)



* Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample

School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n = 1,037)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	21.7%	Up from 13.1%	20.1%	26.0%
Retention Rate	1.9%	Up from 1.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance Rate	95.6%	Up from 95.3%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.8%	Up from 11.5%	14.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	15.9%	Up from 14.2%	14.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.0%	Down from 9.5%	5.4%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.7%	0.6%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.3%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.9%	Up from 43.1%	59.1%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Up from 65.5%	73.5%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	78.6%	Down from 80.6%	84.0%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.1%	95.0%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,777	Down 1.5%	\$46,976	\$47,081
Professional development days/teacher	12.3 days	Down from 13.8 days	11.5 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 6.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.1 to 1	Down from 29.4 to 1	20.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 90.7%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Fair	Down from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 91.1%	99.0%	99.0%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,858	Up 4.6%	\$7,757	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8%	Down from 60.0%	61.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.1%	Up from 58.0%	60.4%	61.3%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.5%
English 1	100.0%	95.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	97.3%

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The administrators, teachers and staff of Darlington Middle School and I, want to thank you for another outstanding school year! We also want to thank you for your continued encouragement. Our vision is "To nurture and motivate students by creating real-world and hands-on experiences that enhance and expand their lives." We want our students to excel above and beyond what is expected. We ask for continued support to join us as we work with your child so that he/she can "make the connection" between the importance of education and success. Each child must see the real need to work hard in and out of class, while preparing for their career interests. Middle School is the step in which a child develops life-long habits.

We thank our community for continued support while working with us as we prepare our students to compete in this ever-changing world. We want our community to be proud of the children who attend Darlington Middle School. We also want to share that pride with you. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of our young people.

Many accomplishments were made this year that we are extremely proud of. They are as follows: High School Course Offerings, our LEGO League competing team, 13 state recognized Junior Scholars, 16 Duke Tip Qualifiers, continuously growing band and art programs, the team concept throughout the building, 100% Passing Rate - English End-of-Course Exam, 100% Passing Rate - Algebra End-of-Course Exam, and 17 Perfects scores of 100 on End-of-Course Exams.

Continuous parent support is always welcomed at Darlington Middle School. With this in mind, we have established a parenting coordinator. We extend a personal invitation to all parents, businesses, and community partners to join us in the continued and endless efforts to improve the overall performance and properly prepare our youth for the future through the educational process.

Eddie L. Shuler, Principal

Brendolyn Hamilton, School Improvement Council

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.0%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.4%	I/S	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66.6%	I/S	I/S

* Only students at the highest middle school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/esea/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	68.6
Overall Grade Conversion	D

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the states' expectations.

Accountability Indicator (Title I Schools)

Darlington Middle School has been designated as a:

	Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
	Title I Reward School for Progress - one of the schools with substantial progress in school subgroups.
	Title I Focus School - one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
	Title I Priority School - one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
X	Title I School - does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
	Non-Title I School - therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0	3.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.8	7.3%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	14.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	95.6%	94.0%*	Yes

	State
Professional qualifications of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State (Advanced Degrees)	61.9%
Percentage of all elementary and secondary teachers in the State with emergency or provisional credentials	0.0%

* Or greater than last year

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SC PASS Performance By Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean*	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested
Grades 6-8							
All Students	618.4	615.2	626.9	631.8	99.8	99.9	99.7
Male	613.3	614.6	632.3	632.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
Female	623.3	615.8	621.8	631.5	99.6	99.8	99.7
White	638.4	630.5	644.0	646.6	99.5	99.7	100.0
African American	606.5	606.1	616.2	623.5	100.0	100.0	99.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	581.6	584.3	587.2	592.9	99.4	100.0	98.2
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.2	608.7	619.3	623.8	99.8	99.9	99.6
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Two Year Elementary and Middle School Grades Trend Data

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2013	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	342	622.5	100.0	342	619.1	100.0
	7	350	621.9	99.7	350	625.2	100.0
	8	380	623.3	99.5	380	617.2	99.5
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	4	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	5	N/A	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/AV
	6	173	616.7	97.1	172	625.1	99.4
	7	349	629.9	99.7	349	629.8	100.0
	8	191	626.4	99.0	189	639.7	98.4

	Grade	SCPASS ELA			SCPASS Math		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
2014	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	317	618.4	99.7	317	607.5	99.7
	7	339	618.4	99.7	339	616.6	99.7
	8	360	618.4	100.0	360	620.7	100.0
		SCPASS Science			SCPASS Social Studies*/History		
		N	Mean	% Tested	N	Mean	% Tested
	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	160	626.1	100.0	160	620.7	100.0
	7	337	620.7	99.4	338	625.7	99.7
	8	181	639.3	99.5	178	653.3	100.0

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NOTE: Results include the SC-ALT test.

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Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (District)							4/27/2015	1601031
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Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies*/ History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	638.3	637.1	629.3	645.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
Male	633.2	636.9	631.9	647.3	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
Female	643.4	637.3	626.5	642.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
White	658.0	656.3	652.7	663.2	99.9	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	622.2	620.9	609.5	629.7	99.9	99.8	100.0	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	622.2	624.1	624.1	641.2	98.3	100.0	100.0	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	599.6	596.7	595.8	610.8	99.4	99.4	100.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	630.6	641.1	633.8	646.3	98.2	100.0	100.0	N/A
Subsidized Meals	629.0	627.6	618.0	635.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	620.6	620.3	630.3	634.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Male	614.6	619.5	632.4	635.2	99.9	99.9	99.8	N/A
Female	626.9	621.1	628.2	633.0	99.8	99.9	99.9	N/A
White	642.5	637.7	652.7	655.3	99.8	99.9	100.0	N/A
African American	603.7	606.5	612.3	618.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	616.1	625.8	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	582.4	584.8	589.4	595.2	99.7	100.0	99.0	N/A
Limited English Proficient	611.3	627.9	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	608.8	610.1	618.7	621.7	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	228.2	223.4	78.7	74.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	90.4
Male	225.3	222.7	78.7	75.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	84.5
Female	230.9	224.1	78.7	72.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	96.1
White	234.9	232.7	83.3	78.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.1
African American	222.7	215.9	75.1	69.5	99.8	99.8	100.0	90.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	81.8
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
With Disabilities	208.8	201.7	69.1	65.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	53.4
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized Meals	222.8	217.6	75.3	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	87.4
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

* Social Studies used as "Other Academic Indicator" for elementary and middle schools.

Performance by Group - ESEA/Federal Accountability (State) 4/27/2015 1601031

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Soc Studies* / History Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested	Science % Tested	Graduation Rate
Grades 3 - 5								
All Students	643.8	644.3	626.4	645.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Male	638.9	643.9	627.0	646.5	99.7	99.8	99.8	N/A
Female	649.0	644.6	625.8	643.4	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
White	659.5	662.7	644.4	659.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	N/A
African American	622.3	617.3	601.2	624.1	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	669.9	686.6	655.9	673.4	99.9	100.0	99.8	N/A
Hispanic	631.7	634.6	614.5	636.5	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	642.1	640.4	627.1	641.8	99.7	99.9	99.5	N/A
With Disabilities	599.3	596.5	587.6	609.2	98.9	99.5	99.5	N/A
Limited English Proficient	631.2	638.6	615.0	638.1	99.7	99.9	99.9	N/A
Subsidized Meals	627.7	625.2	609.4	628.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	N/A
Migrant	608.2	615.1	590.4	623.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 6 - 8								
All Students	627.8	632.2	634.7	637.4	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
Male	620.6	630.1	634.4	639.8	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Female	635.4	634.3	635.0	634.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
White	644.3	647.7	652.3	652.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	N/A
African American	604.3	608.5	608.9	615.2	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Asian/Pacific Islander	658.5	680.2	673.0	677.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	N/A
Hispanic	617.3	625.4	625.0	630.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	629.4	631.2	637.2	638.3	99.9	99.8	99.7	N/A
With Disabilities	574.5	584.3	584.9	592.8	99.4	99.4	99.2	N/A
Limited English Proficient	612.5	625.8	622.5	629.8	99.6	99.7	99.8	N/A
Subsidized Meals	610.0	614.6	616.3	619.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	N/A
Migrant	586.4	606.8	600.8	607.7	98.2	98.2	100.0	N/A
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	632.0	632.0	632.0	632.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	N/A
Grades 9 - 12								
All Students	229.3	222.6	81.8	74.9	98.7	98.7	100.0	80.0
Male	225.6	222.4	81.8	75.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	75.7
Female	233.2	222.9	81.9	74.0	99.2	99.1	100.0	84.5
White	235.9	230.8	86.1	78.1	99.0	98.9	100.0	82.8
African American	219.6	209.6	75.2	69.9	98.3	98.3	100.0	76.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	240.2	245.8	89.4	80.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	88.0
Hispanic	225.1	219.4	79.5	73.5	98.9	99.0	100.0	76.9
American Indian/Alaskan	228.8	220.3	81.9	77.2	98.9	99.3	100.0	74.3
With Disabilities	204.3	196.5	68.4	66.2	96.6	96.5	100.0	43.2
Limited English Proficient	218.0	214.7	76.6	71.3	99.3	99.3	100.0	73.4
Subsidized Meals	221.1	212.6	76.8	70.8	98.3	98.2	100.0	72.5
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.5
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	229.0	226.0	78.0	75.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	75.1

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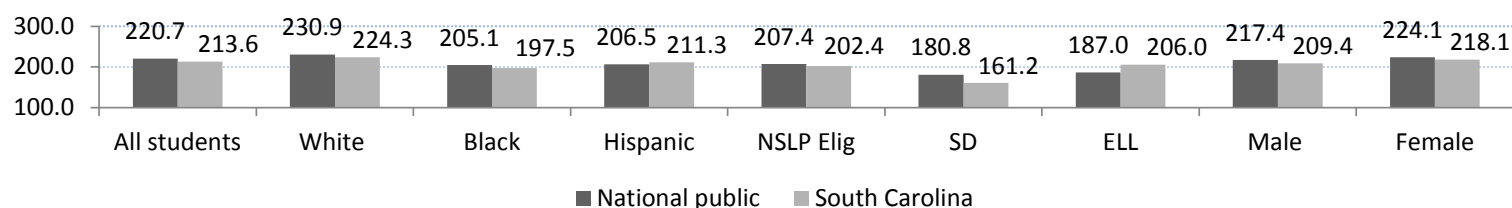
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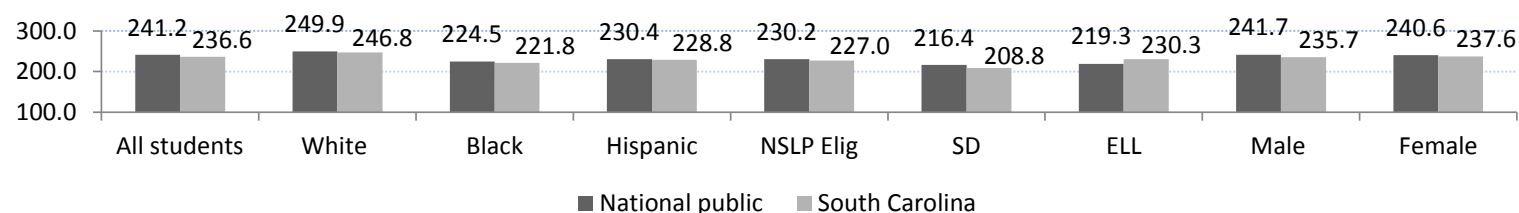
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*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level.

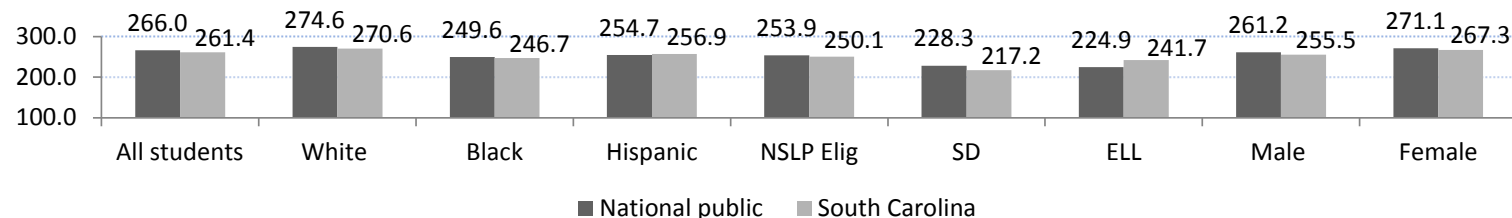
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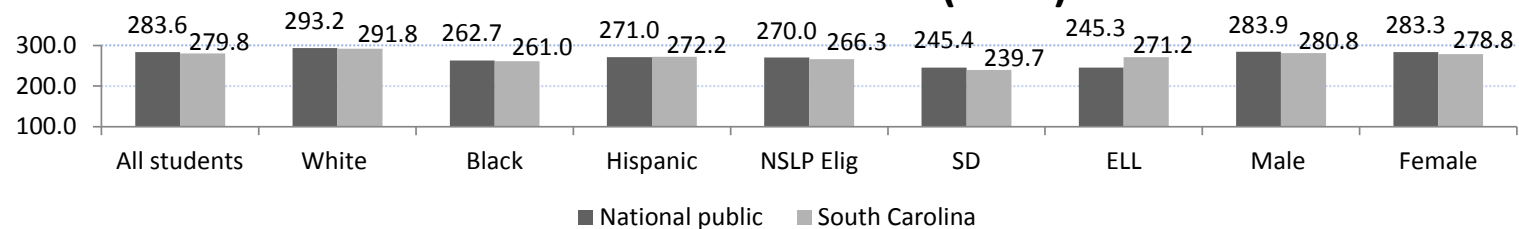
Mathematics - Grade 4 (2013)



Reading - Grade 8 (2013)



Mathematics - Grade 8 (2013)



Key

NSLP National school lunch program

SD Student with disabilities

ELL English language learner

NAEP National Association of Education Progress

	SD Participation Rate	ELL Participation Rate
Reading, Grade 4	89.0%	96.0%
Reading, Grade 8	85.0%	96.0%
Mathematics, Grade 4	93.0%	99.0%
Mathematics, Grade 8	90.0%	95.0%

Our School

Number of recently arrived ELL students exempted from ELA in state assessments

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